



CITY OF SAN DIEGO
OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER ANTHONY YOUNG



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The City of San Diego is continuing its historic journey into the transition from a Council /Manager form of government to a Strong Mayor /Strong Council form of government. Today, the Council unanimously selected Councilman Scott Peters as its first Council President. I look forward to working together with Scott and my fellow Council members to develop and implement legislative policies that will move this city forward out of its fiscal crisis and into an exciting era of positive city government that focuses on providing outstanding city services and improving the quality of life of all city residents.

I can not emphasize enough how excited I am about the community clean-up sponsored by my office's 21st Century Community Initiative that took place in Encanto on November 5th. Over 234 tons of waste and debris was collected and disposed of! The average amount of waste collected for a community clean-up is approximately 40-60 tons. This outstanding effort has a double message. 1. Community residents and city staff work very hard to keep our community clean; and 2. There are some in our communities that allow waste and debris to pile up on their property or illegally dump it in the streets, vacant lots, and alleys of the community for responsible residents to dispose of and/or call City Code Enforcement officers to take action. We will continue to have mini community clean ups and major community clean ups. However, I thank you in advance for taking a pro-active approach and asking those who would trash our community to clean up and properly dispose of waste and debris around their homes and if physically able, to volunteer to help out at the next community clean-up. The next mini clean-ups are scheduled for selected areas in the community of Mountain View on December 7, 2005 and in the community of Paradise Hills on December 14, 2005.

I will be announcing the next major community clean-up under the auspices of my 21st Century Community Initiative in the upcoming weeks.

As you may know on Thursday, November 17, 2005 the San Diego Police and San Diego City Attorney's Drug Abatement Response Team (DART) conducted a major raid at the Fam Mart indoor market located on Euclid avenue. At least (16) shop owners and/or workers were arrested for selling counterfeit clothing, CD's and movie DVDs. This site has a history of attracting gang members and gang activity and many believe this attraction is the result of the illegal provision of counterfeit goods that are sold on the site. I will continue to support efforts of this nature to rid our communities of negative influences that foster criminal behavior.

On Friday December 2, 2005 I will be joining the San Diego Fire Department in dedicating the newest Fire Station in District 4, Fire Station 12. Located at the corner of Willie James Jones and Imperial Avenue, this new facility will provide efficient and effective fire, rescue and life saving services for the community. Please join me at 12:00 pm for the dedication.

Have a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving! My thanks go out to you for supporting me in my efforts to make this City and the 4th District a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

Thanks for reading my E-mail Message for The Week. If you would like to receive this E-mail on a regular basis, please e-mail me at anthonyyoung@sandiego.gov.